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In re Application of: :
Crockett et al. : LETTER REGARDING
Application No. 10/626492 : PATENT TERM ADJUSTMENT
Filing or 371(c) Date: 07/23/2003 :
Atty Docket No. 8285/632 :

This letter is in response to the "REQUEST FOR REVIEW OF PATENT TERM ADJUSTMENT," filed March 7, 2008. Pursuant to applicant's duty of good faith and candor to the Office, applicant discloses that the initial determination of patent term adjustment of 124 days may extend the term of this patent by too many days.

The request for review of the determination of patent term adjustment (PTA) is **granted**.

The Office has updated the PAIR screen to reflect that the correct Patent Term Adjustment (PTA) determination at the time of the mailing of the Notice of Allowance is **sixty-three (63) days**. A copy of the updated PAIR screen, showing the correct determination, is enclosed.

On January 10, 2008, the Office mailed the Determination of Patent Term Adjustment under 35 U.S.C. 154(b) in the above identified application. The Notice stated that the patent term adjustment (PTA) to date is one hundred twenty-four (124) days.

The Office initially determined a patent term adjustment of one hundred twenty-four (124) days based on an adjustment for PTO delay of two hundred-eighteen (218) days pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.702(a)(1), reduced by one ninety-four (94) days of applicant delay pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.704(b).

37 C.F.R. § 1.704(b) states:

With respect to the grounds for adjustment set forth in §§ 1.702(a) through (e), and in particular the ground of adjustment set forth in § 1.702(b), an applicant shall be deemed to have failed to engage in reasonable efforts to conclude

processing or examination of an application for the cumulative total of any periods of time in excess of three months that are taken to reply to any notice or action by the Office making any rejection, objection, argument, or other request, measuring such three-month period from the date the notice or action was mailed or given to the applicant, in which case the period of adjustment set forth in § 1.703 shall be reduced by the number of days, if any, beginning on the day after the date that is three months after the date of mailing or transmission of the Office communication notifying the applicant of the rejection, objection, argument, or other request and ending on the date the reply was filed. The period, or shortened statutory period, for reply that is set in the Office action or notice has no effect on the three-month period set forth in this paragraph.;

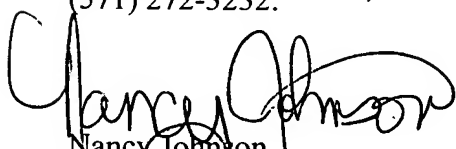
Applicant should have been assessed additional delay of sixty-one (61) days pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.704(b). Applicant filed a Request for Continued Examination ("RCE") and Amendment on June 12, 2006, in response to a final Office action mailed January 12, 2006, which was sixty-one (61) days after April 12, 2006 - three (3) months after the date of mailing of the final Office action.

In view thereof, the correct determination of patent term adjustment at the time of the mailing of the Notice of Allowance is **sixty-three (63) days** ((218 days of PTO delay, reduced by 155 (94+61)) days of applicant delay), subject to any terminal disclaimer.

As this letter was submitted as an advisement to the Office of an error in applicant's favor, the Office will not assess the \$200.00 fee under 37 CFR 1.18(e). The Office thanks applicant for their good faith and candor in bringing this to the attention of the Office.

The file is being forwarded to the Office of Data Management for processing into a patent. The patent term adjustment indicated on the patent (as shown on the Issue Notification mailed about three weeks prior to patent issuance) will include any additional adjustment accrued both for Office delay in issuing the patent more than four months after payment of the issue fee and satisfaction of all outstanding requirements, and for the Office taking in excess of three years to issue the patent (to the extent that the three-year period does not overlap with periods already accorded).

Telephone inquiries specific to this matter should be directed to Attorney Derek L. Woods, at (571) 272-3232.


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Enclosure: Updated PAIR Screen

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PTA Calculations for Application: 10/626492

Application Filing Date:	07/23/2003	PTO Delay (PTO):	218
Issue Date of Patent:		Three Years:	0
Pre-Issue Petitions:	0	Applicant Delay (APPL):	94
Post-Issue Petitions:	0	Total PTA (days):	63
PTO Delay Adjustment:	-61		

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30	06/12/2006	WORKFLOW - REQUEST FOR RCE - BEGIN			
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4	10/27/2003	CLEARED BY L&R (LARS)			
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